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In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0005] beginning at page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In at least one embodiment, the pallet may be formed from a top support member formed from three cross supports coupled to ~~a~~ at least one plate. Nine or more support blocks may be formed into at least three rows beneath the top support member and positioned generally parallel to each other forming at least two cavities to receive one or more lifting members. A bottom support member may be coupled to a bottom surface of the support blocks to provide a stable surface upon which the pallet rests.

Please replace paragraph [0021] beginning at page 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 1-10 illustrate a pallet **10**, and related components thereof, configured to support cargo on ~~one or more~~ a top support members **12**. The top support member **12** is supported above a surface **14** using two or more support blocks 16 positioned to allow lifting members **18** to be placed under the top support member **12** to lift the pallet **10** and the cargo supported by the pallet **10**. The top support member **12** may have any suitable shape. In at least one embodiment, as shown in Figure 1, the top support member **12** may be composed of a generally flat top surface 20 and a bottom surface **22**. In other embodiments, top support member **12** may have top surfaces **20** that are not flat. In some

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embodiments, the top surface **20** may include one or more coatings or other textured materials to prevent cargo from slipping or moving on the top surface **20**. In at least one embodiment, as shown in Figure 1, the top support member **12** may be formed from three cross supports **24** positioned generally parallel to each other and ~~a~~ at least one plate **26** coupled to a top surface **20** of the three cross supports **24** ~~forming the top surface **20**~~.